

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1, 6-33 and 38-53 are now present in the application. Claims 1 and 33 have been amended. Claims 4, 5, 36 and 37 have been respectively incorporated in claims 1 and 33 and hereby cancelled. Claims 1 and 33 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Reasons For Entry Of Amendments

Since the amendments to claims 1 and 33 are simply made to incorporate previously presented claims 4, 5, 36 and 37 to place the case in condition for allowance, it is believed that no new issue is raised. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that dependent claims 5-32 and 37-53 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

By the present amendment, independent claims 1 and 33 have been amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claims 5 and 37 and their respective intervening claims 4 and 36, as discussed hereinbelow.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 4, 33 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorensen, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0061009, in view of Fontana, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0117946. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As mentioned, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 5 and the intervening claim 4, and independent claim 33 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 37 and the intervening claim 36, which were indicated by the Examiner as including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 1 and 33 and their dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Cheng-Kang (Greg) Hsu, Registration No. 61,007 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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